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Selective Service Requirements

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

In accordance with Section 189(h) of the Workforce Investment Act, which states that the U.S. Secretary of Labor shall insure that each individual participating in any program established under this Act, has not violated Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 453) by not presenting and submitting to registration as required pursuant to such section.

WHO MUST REGISTER

Almost all male U.S. Citizens and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. (A chart of who must register is available on the last page of this section.) It's important to know that even though he is registered, a man will not automatically be inducted into the military. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they would be examined for mental, physical, and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

NON-CITIZENS

Some non-citizens are required to register. Others are not. Non-citizens who are not required to register with Selective Service include men who are in the U.S. on student or visitor visas and men who are part of a diplomatic or trade mission and their families. Almost all other male non-citizens are required to register, including illegal aliens, legal permanent residents, and refugees. The general rule is that if a male non-citizen takes up residency in the U.S. before his 26th birthday, he must register with Selective Service. For a more detailed list of which non-citizens must register, see the **Who Must Register for Selective Service Chart**.

DUAL NATIONALS

Dual nationals of the U.S. and another country are required to register, regardless of where they live, because they are U.S. nationals.

HOSPITALIZED OR INCARCERATED MEN

Young men in hospitals, mental institutions, or prisons do not have to register while they are committed. However, they must register within 30 days after being released if they have not yet reached their 26th birthday.

DISABLED MEN

Disabled men who live at home must register with Selective Service if they can reasonably leave their homes and move about independently. A friend or relative may help a disabled man fill out the registration form if he can't do it himself.

Men with disabilities that would disqualify them from military service still must register with Selective Service. Selective Service does not presently have authority to classify men, so even men with obvious handicaps must register now, and if needed, classifications would be determined later.

FULL-TIME MILITARY EXEMPTED FROM REQUIREMENT

Young men serving in the military on full-time active duty do not have to register. Those attending the service academies do not have to register. If a young man leaves the military before turning 26, he must register.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

Members of the Reserve and National Guard not on full-time active duty must register.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Men who would be classified as conscientious objectors if they were drafted must also register with Selective Service. If a draft begins and they are called, they would have the opportunity to file a claim for exemption from military service based upon their religious or moral objection to war.

For information on selective service regulations, please refer to the following:

TEGL 4-89 (dated 03/19/90) – Application of Selective Service Registration Requirements in Section 504 of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)

TEGL 8-98 (dated 11/04/98) – Selective Service Registration

Selective Service Telephone Verification No. (847) 688-6888;
Internet Verification/Registration (www.sss.gov).

WHO MUST REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE?

CATEGORY	YES	NO
All male U.S. citizens born on or after January 1, 1960, who are 18 but not yet 26 years old, except as noted below:	X	
MILITARY-RELATED		X*
Active duty military		X*
Men attending service academies, like the U.S. Air Force Academy		X*
Men attending the U.S. Coast Guard Academy		X*
Men attending the Merchant Marine Academy	X	
Men receiving Officer Training at The Citadel, North George College, Norwich University, and Virginia Military Institute		X*
Members of the National Guard or Reserves not on active duty	X	
Delayed Entry Program Enlistees	X	
Men who separate from active duty for any reason before they turn 26	X*	
Men rejected for enlistment for any reason before turning 26	X	
ALIENS**		X
Lawful non-immigrants on visas (e.g., diplomatic and consular personnel and families, foreign students, tourists with unexpired visas (Forms I-94, I-95A), or those with Border Crossing Documents (Forms I-185, I-186, or I-444))		X
Permanent resident aliens	X	
Special (seasonal) agricultural workers (Form I-688)	X	
Special agricultural workers (Form I-688A)		X
Refugee, parolee, and asylee aliens	X	
Undocumented (illegal) aliens	X	
CONFINED		X*
Incarcerated, hospitalized, or institutionalized for medical reasons		X*
HANDICAPPED PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY		
Able to function in public with or without assistance	X	
Continually confined to a residence, hospital, or institution		X

* MUST register within 30 days of release unless already age 26 or already registered when released, or exempt during entire period age 18 through 25.

** Residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands are U.S. citizens. Citizens of American Samoa are nationals and must register when their address is permanent in the United States. Habitual residence is presumed whenever a national, or a citizen of the Republic of the Martial Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia resides in the United States for more than one year in any status, except as a student or employee of the government of his homeland.